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ICE ARRESTS MAN WANTED FOR MURDER IN BRAZIL

BOSTON – A man convicted for murder in his native Brazil was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents at his Framingham, Mass., residence March 10.

Rodrigo Barros, 28, who was living in the United States illegally, is wanted in Brazil for the murder of Simone Silva.

Operating on information received from the Natick (Mass.) Police Department, ICE agents located and identified Rodrigo Barros as an illegal alien living in the United States. Further investigation revealed that Barros is currently wanted in Brazil after having absconded while facing charges for murder in that country.

According to court records in Brazil, Barros was convicted of the murder charges on Dec. 3, 2002, and sentenced to six and a half years in prison. ICE's investigation revealed that, at the time of the conviction, Barros had already fled to the United States at that time in an effort to escape justice.

"One of ICE's primary missions is to restore integrity to the immigration system," said Robin M. Avers, Special Agent-in-Charge for the ICE New England office. "This case is a prime example of the unified approach to law enforcement that we envisioned when the Department of Homeland Security was created two years ago. ICE worked closely with local authorities in Natick and Framingham to bring this fugitive from justice. Together we are sending a clear message to criminal aliens that they will not be able to escape justice by attempting to hide in the United States."

ICE is currently holding Barros without bond pending removal proceedings. He will be scheduled for a removal hearing before a federal Immigration Judge.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.